BY JOHN S. HART, LI.D. No writings, if well read, are so impressive, Mone are so capable of high elocutionary effect, as the Holy Scriptures. Yet of all books that are publicly read for the edification of the people, none ordinarily is read so badly as the Bible. It is not merely that public readers fail so give to the words the fulness of power and beauty that is in them. It is not merely that the reading lacks rhetorical elegance and finish, and that Holy Writ as uttered by such persons ceases to charm and captivate. The bare meaning even is not rendered. The Scriptures are often read as one would read a formula in an unknown tongue, whose alphabet and pronunciation he had mastered, but without having the slightest idea of what the words meant. or whether they had any meaning. They are often read with an entire perversion of the

It is no part of my present purpose to lay down rules for reading. Yet I do wish to say to superintendents, and to all who are required to lead the devotions of others. Give earnest heed to this matter. You may never learn to give to the Scriptures the melting power which they had when coming from the lips of Dr. Mason or Elizabeth Fry. You may not have the natural gifts of voice and intellect, or the opportunities of culture, which these eminent persons had But there is a certain degree of excellence which you may attain. There are certain faults of manner which you may avoid, and which you surely will avoid if you desire earnestly and truly to give effectiveness to this part of your public duties.

Study beforehand the passage you intend to read at the opening. It is no easy matter to find out exactly what is meant, and all that is meant, by the written word of another. We are accustomed in every-day intercourse to leave a great deal of our meaning to be expressed and supplemented by the tone of the voice and by significant gestures and looks. When only the voiceless, inanimate words are before us, it requires for their full comprehension not merely practiced skill in verbal and grammatical analysis, but often much historical knowledge and always a vigorous imagination to bring the original circumstances fully and vividly before the mind. In the passage, John xx, 16, for instance, when Jesus turns and says "Mary!" it is evidently in that voice of familiar tenderness which says, by its very tone, "Do you not know me?" Mary's "Rabboni!" is in like manner an expression of surprised, joyful recognition. A mere study of the words does not bring out the meaning. Imagination must work. The scene must stand clearly out before the mind's eye. Then only will the voice do its office as a true interpreter of this most beautiful passage. Who that ever heard that almost despairing wail with which the venerable Dr. Archibald Alexander used to utter the cry, "Eloi, eloi, lama sabacthani!" but felt that he had received a new revelation of the meaning of that mysterious utterance? It was not that Dr. Alexander understood Hebrew better than thousands of others have done. It was because he had meditated upon the subject until he had the whole dreadful scene fully before him.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

BAPTIST. -The Rhode Island and Massachusetts General Six-Principle Baptist Association held its two hundredth anniversary in the First Baptist Church in Richmond, October 7th to 9th. Rev. Gilbert Tillinghast was Moderator. The proceedings are spoken of as interesting, and the few churches which still adhere to this association reported gains for the year. After the adiournment the communion service was administed to about two hundred brethren and sisters. -Hon. Green Clay Smith, formerly a member of Congress from Kentucky, and Major-General in the Federal army, but more recently Governor of Montana, has retired from secular

life, and become a preacher of the Gospel. He is a Baptist minister, and it is said is an eloquent and carnest preacher.

—The total of Baptists for the Pacific coast is 116 churches, 5117 members, 115 ministers, and

10 home missionaries. Less than one-half the ministers are pastors, and not one-sixth are wholly sustained by their churches. Nevada, with a population of 100,000, is without a Baptist church; and so far as is known, has not a single Baptist minister devoted to his calling. Washington Territory there are three churches, seventy members, two ministers, and one missionary.

-The Rev. Arnold R. Medbury has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, San Francisco. Seven years ago this month he became a member of this church where he has retained his membership till now. and was welcomed to the family of Dr. Cheney, his pastor, with whom he commenced a course

PRESBYTERIAN.

-The foreign missions, which have thus far been under the care of missionaries belonging to the New School Presbyterian General Assem. oly, are now transferred from the American Board to the Presbyterian Board. The latter has already received under its care from the American Board the Gaboon and Syrian missions; also the Indian missions among the Ojibbewas and Senecas. One of the missionaries who has lately gone to China has also been transferred from the American Board. The expense of these missions and missionaries has to be met by the Presbyterian Board from Sep--Of the 1469 congregations in the Southern

Presbyterian Church, only 409 have pastors, and about 600 have regular or partial supplies, and about 430 are destitute of any stated ministry. -The existence of the Kentucky Presbytery of the Associate Synod of the South has been threatened by the union efforts in that quarter, which have resulted in the withdrawal of four of her ministers, with a part of the people, to join the General Assembly of the Presbyterian

Church South. -A memorial was presented to the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Chilicothe, at its late session at Unity, Ohio, whether intercommunion is in accordance with the rules of the United Presbyterian Church, and whether it may be extended to the members of the Methodist Church. The matter was referred to a committee, who reported at length, with the following resolution appended:—"Resolved, That to the question of the memorialists, whether the rules of the United

Presbyterian Church authorize intercommunion with the members of other Churches, we answer -Dhuleep Singh has, with his usual noble generosity, signalized the anniversary of his marriage with a donation again to the United

Presbyterian mission in Egypt of £1000. -Mr. Talmage's Tabernacle, Brooklyn, is sus-tained on a new plan. Each family worshipping there regularly is called on to subscribe what they choose to the support of the Gospel, and then they are allowed to select a pew, which becomes theirs, nor do we learn that they would be deprived of it should they fail to make any contribution towards the church expenses. The annual current expenses, it is thought, will be

-The congregation of Augusta Church, Va. are about to repair their church edifice, a substantial structure of stone, built in 1747, seven years before Braddock's defeat. Their ancestors hauled the stone on sleds, and brought the glass and nalls from Williamburg, on the backs of

—An interesting tarewell meeting was held in New York on Sunday evening, October 9, in view of the departure of the following missiona-

RELIGIOUS COLUMN.

Ples:—Rev. John Newton, D. [D., returning; Rev. Messrs. J. F. Holcomb and V. Newton, and their wives; Rev. Messrs. Lucas, Seiler, and Seely; Misses Hickey and Craig-all for India. Miss Jackson, for Beirut. The party sailed in

the Colorado on the 12th inst.

- Forty-three students are in attendance at Union Theological Seminary, Virginia, and more are expected by the 1st of January. The Rev. Dr. Smith has just returned from New York, where he expended the greater portion of the three thousand dollars of the late Rev. U Powers in valuable additions to the library of the Seminary. A portion of the funds was sent abroad for the same purpose.

—Rev. A. A. Willits, D. D., will commence a

ministry of Christ, to-morrow evening, in the ministry of Christ, to-morrow evening, in the West Arch Street Presbyterian Church. The first sermon of the course will be—"Jesus in the Synagogue at Nazareth."

—The ladies of the Oxford Presbyterian

Church of this city raised over \$8000 for the purposetof furnishing the edifice, which was dedicated last December. After the usual religious services on Wednesday evening last, the pastor, services on wednesday evening last, the pastor, Rev. Frank L. Robbins, by request of the Trustees, invited them to undertake the additional work of raising \$5000 for the purpose of enclosing the property with an iron railing and laying down a stone flagging, and so completing the work of this noble church enterprise. The appeal was responded to with subscriptions on spot to the amount of \$2500, and a committee of five was appointed to solicit the remaining amount, which will doubtless be secured in a few days. Such a spirit of liberality on the part of the lades deserves honorable mention. EPISCOPAL.

-Great anxiety exists among the members of the disestablished Anglican Church in Ireland at the slowness of the growth of the Sustentation Fund. The yearly contributions promised only amount to £18,000, and the donations to £264.000. These sums will not warrant commutation, and the time is drawing nigh when the matter must be determined. Several letters have appeared in the Church journals advocat-

ing an immediate house-to-house collection.

—The "Mite-chests System," which has lately been introduced by the Protestant Episcopal Church in this country, as a self-operating method for collecting funds in aid of mission work, is found to be a success. The Spirit of Missions says that 20,000 of these chests have been sent out for re-delivery before the 1st of January. Less than 6000 gave returns for the first half year of \$7,777.73. The total realizations, within one year from the day on which the first one was sent into the field, are estimated in advance at from \$25,000 to \$30,000. -The Southern Churchman, noticing the

baptism by the Rev. G. S. Barten, D. D., rector of Christ Church, Norfolk, of twelve persons who preferred the primitive Scriptural mode, "This is just as it should be. If persons prefer to be baptized by immersion, it should

always be done. -We learn from the New York Protestant Churchman that on the lot adjoining the Home," on Eighty-ninth street, ground is to be broken for the erection of a new church, to be named "The Church of the Beloved Dis-The expense of the building is borne entirely by Miss Talman, of that city, and it is designed as a memorial church. A rectory is also to be built next to the church. The total cost of both edifices will not be far from

-The Lutheran Synod of North Carolina is in favor of abandoning a separate Southera organization and of reuniting with those Northern Synods which now constitute the General Council. The following resolutions were passed by the recent meeting of the synod: "Resolved, 1. That is the judgment of this synod the time has come when those sections of our Church, one in faith and practice, should be con-

nected in one general body.

"2. That our delegates to the next meeting of our Southern General Synod be instructed to pre-sent the above resolution for the action of that body.

The Kirchenfround laments the deficiency German pastors to take charge of congregations in the General Synod. The editor knows of eight congregations who need such pastors, and says he could find fields of labor for at least twenty-five more educated and pious German preachers within the next three months. The same paper says it will take a good many preliminary tearings asunder, and ten years, to get all Lutherans ready for union, and adds this curious expression:—"We live in a period of great fermentation, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be.

-Arrangements have been made to publish the Evangelical Review (which was edited by the late Dr. Stoever) either as a new quarterly or as a continuation of the old review in a new series. Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown and Professor M. Valentine will be the editors, assisted by Dr. Sprecher, Rev. C. A. Stork, Rev. J. H.

Stuckenberg, and others. -The jubilee anniversary of Maryland Synod was celebrated at Emmettsburg on the 4th instant. It was formed in 1820 by eleven ministers, not one obwhom is now alive. -Rev. J. Senecker, of the Holston Synod, Tenn.,

has been suspended for preaching, contrary to the Confession, that "sorrow for sin is no part of repentance," and refusing to recant.

CONGREGATIONAL. - In Northern and Central Illinois, within the last eight years, the Congregationalists have organized sixty-four churches, and have built ninety-three houses of worship-sixty-four of which were for missionary churches.

-The church in Boston of which the Rev. Dr. Nehemiah Adams is pastor, and has been for over thirty years, has just chosen a colleague in the person of the Rev. Henry M. Parsons, of Springfield, Mass. Dr. Adams is just now journeying around the world in a vessel commanded by his son.

METHODIST.

-The Western says that the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the States formerly known as slave States is as follows:-Georgia, 21,000, 14,000 being whites; Alabama, 10,000, one-half being whites; Tennessee, 10,500, 7500 being whites; North Carolina, 3500 whites Virginia, 5000 whites: Kentucky, 13,500 whites: Missouri Conference, 11,000 whites; St. Louis Conference, 15,000 whites; Mississippi, 1000 whites; West Virginia, 26,000 whites; South Carolina, 600 whites; Texas, 500, not counting 4000 German Methodists; Louisiana, 600 whites, making a total of white membership of between 150,000 and 160,000.

-The missionary report of the New Connection Methodists of Canada gives the following statistics:-Chapels, 235; parsonages, 63; classes. 391; congregations, 428; circuit preachers, 87; local preachers, 126; members, 8129; Sunday-schools, 168; scolars, 8842; teachers, 1129; value of chapel and parsonage property, \$234,120; amount raised for Mission Fund, \$8,266.38.

-The Methodist Church South are doing all they can to rid themselves of their missionary The St. Louis Conference recently raised \$2300 for that purpose and the Louisville Conference an extra collection of \$1500.

ROMAN CATHOLIC. One of the consequences of the occupation of Rome by the Italians is likely to be the suppression of the monastic orders, and the confiscation of their property, the same as has the case throughout the Kingdom of Italy. The Jesuits have already been compelled to leave They have also been expelled from

-A rich Parsee has made a donation of 18,000 francs to the College of St. Francis Xavier, at Bombay. Two-thirds of this sum are to be expended on a tower to bear the name of the bene-The remainder are to be devoted to the foundation of a burse for indigent students.

REFORMED.

—At the late meeting of the Classis of Hudson the Rev. R. M. Whitbeck applied for a letter of dismission from this classis, to connect him-self with the Methodist Episcopal Church in the New York Conference. By resolution of classis this application was granted. —At a meeting of the Board of Trust of Frank-lin College, Ohio, the degree of D. D. was una-nimously conferred upon the Rev. Edwin H. Nevin, paster of the Reformed Church of Lan-caster, Pa.

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Sesied Proposals, in triplicate, will be received at
this office until 12 M., on Thursday, the 1st day
of December, 1870, for the
Transportation of Army Supplies
from the 1st day of January, 1871, to the 31st day of
December, 1871, on the following routes, viz.:—
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Fort McIntosh, Texas, Fort Duncan, Texas, Fort Clark, Texas. Fort McKavett, Texas. Fort Concho, Texas.

Fort Stockton, Texas.

Fort Griffin, Texas. Fort Grand, Texas.
Fort Richardson, Texas.
And any posts that may be hereafter established in Northwest Texas, south of Red river.
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18 feet deep.
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Separate proposals hust be made for each class of material and labor.

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Class 2, without gumming and perforation, prepared for issue in sheets, 20 stamps on a sheet.
Class 3, without gumming, to be engraved with
nine coupons and one stub attached to each stamp,
each stamp and stub to be numbered in serial numbers, and bound in book form. Each book to contain 150 stamps, three on a page, and book to be apbers, and bound in book form. Each book to contain 150 stamps, three on a page, and book to be appropriately lettered and numbered. Bidders will also make proposals for this class of stamps, as above, 300 stamps to the book.

Class 4, without gumming and perforation, each stamp to have an engraved stub attached, stamps and stubs to be numbered in serial numbers, and bound in book form. Each book to contain 400 stamps and stubs a page and legicated and numbers.

stamps, 4 on a page, and bound, lettered, and num-

Olass 5, % pound to 5 pounds inclusive, without gumming and perforation, to be issued in sheets, 12 stamps on a sheet.

All the other denominations mentioned, excepting the 15 pounds, to be engraved with stub attached, stamps and stubs to numbered in serial numbers, and bound in book form, each book to contain 400 stamps, 5 stamps on a page, and bound, lettered, and numtered. The 15-pound stamps to be as above, with the addition of nine coupons, attached to each

Bids are also asked for the 1/2 to 5-pounds stamps inclusive, to be prepared and bound in book form, as above described, with stubs, but without the cou-

Specimens of the above-mentioned stamps may be seen at the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and sizes and descriptions taken there-Bidders will state the price per thousand stamps, separately, inclusive and exclusive of paper, deliverable at their place of business, and also at the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in Washington. The cost of delivery should be given, ooth inclusive and exclusive of the cost of and boxing. Bids will be made separately for printing in one and two colors. Stamps of Class 1, the principal color to be permanent and the other fugitive. All the other classes mentioned to be printed in permanent colors. The additional cost of print-ing a tint upon the stamps printed in one color should also be stated.

Bidders will state in their bids the mode of print-ing proposed by them, whether plate printing or surface printing.

Each bid to be accompanied with a specimen of the style of engraving and the quality of paper pro-posed to be furnished, and the accepted bidder, be-fore the final consummation of a contract, will be required to furnish proof impressions of the en-gravings of the several kinds and denominations of

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A statement of the numbers of stamps issued during the fiscal year ending 39th June, 1870, may be seen at the office of the Commissioner. And that all measures and precautions which the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall deem ne-cessary to take in order to protect the Government against fraud or negligence on the part of the con-tractor or his employes shall be taken at the proper charge and expense of the contractor. No bids will be considered except from parties who have been, or are, actually engaged in the business of steel engraving and printing, and provided with all the necessary facilities to execute the work promptly and give the requisite protection to the stamps,

ies, and plates in their possession. Parties not known to the Department will furnish proof as to these points. Bidders will state the time from the date of the contract, if awarded, when they will be ready to commence delivering the stamps, and their daily capacity for delivery there-

Bids may be made for any one class of stamps mentioned in this notice, or for all. Each bid must be accompanied by a guarantee of at least two responsible persons that, in case the bid is accepted and a contract entered into, they will become sureties in such reasonable sum as may be required by the Government for the faithful performance of the contract.

The contract to be made for not less than one year nor more than three years, as may be agreed In awarding the contract the Commissioner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in case it shall appear to be for the interest of the Government to do so.

Proposals should be carefully sealed and marked "Proposals for Revenue Stamps," and addressed to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue. October 10, 1870. Approved—GEORGE S. BOUTWELL, 10 13 12t Secretary.

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